

### **We Believe and Value:**

1. The individuality and uniqueness of each child.
2. The special talents and abilities of each child.
3. The truth that all children can learn.
4. The respect for personal and cultural diversity.
5. The respect and dignity of each member of the school community.
6. The student's right to equal access to educational opportunity.
7. The partnership between the school system and the community.

### **About The Marlborough Early Childhood Center...**

- The Early Childhood Center is located in the center of Marlborough off from Route 85 in the District Education Center.
- It is a comprehensive child-centered integrated preschool program enrolling approximately 190 students, between the ages of 3 and 5.
- Students two years away from beginning kindergarten are enrolled in the PK-2 Program, while students a year away from beginning kindergarten are enrolled in the PK-1 Program.
- The Early Childhood Center provides a full array of therapies and special education services.

- MECC Special Education Staff perform Developmental Community Screenings for children 3 - 5 years of age who reside in Marlborough.
- Transition Services are made available for families involved with Early Intervention.
- Instruction is driven by a standards-based core curriculum aligned to The Massachusetts State Frameworks, and includes language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and music and movement.
- Diverse student needs are addressed in a collaborative, transdisciplinary approach closely monitored through Portfolio Assessment and Work Sampling.
- Focused Professional Development around the Devereaux Early Childhood Initiative assists staff in promoting attachment, initiative and self-control in young students leading to increased resiliency.
- The Second Step Violence Prevention Program is systematically introduced in the first year of preschool & reinforced throughout the second year to promote healthy social-emotional development.
- The Home & School Connection provides cultural arts programming to students for richer student learning experiences.

- The Marlborough Early Childhood Center is committed to open and sustained communication with parents as partners working together for student success.
- We belong to the Massachusetts Elementary Central Alliance (MECA), an alliance of elementary schools committed to providing low cost professional development opportunities to staff.
- The Marlborough Early Childhood Center is affiliated with the "Together We Can" Community Partnership for Children, and the Assabet Valley Area Family Network.

